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In re patent application of:

YANNICK VINCENT

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For: DATA-PROCESSING SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 24, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to a Non-Final Office Action dated October 24, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The present amendment replies to a Non-Final Office Action dated October 24, 2002. Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the present application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d).